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Firefighters planning prescribed burns in Eagle, Garfield counties

SILT, Colo. – Firefighters from the Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Unit are planning to ignite two prescribed fires on Bureau of Land Management lands in the coming weeks if conditions warrant.

The 200-acre **Sheep Gulch Prescribed Fire** is planned four miles northwest of Gypsum in Eagle County to reduce hazardous fuels and to reduce pinon-juniper expansion to help restore sagebrush communities in the area. Smoke may be seen from the Eagle River corridor and Town of Gypsum.

In Garfield County, the 160-acre **Roan Plateau Prescribed Fire** is planned on the Roan Plateau north of Rifle in the East Fork Drainage of Parachute Creek to help restore aspen. Smoke may be seen from the Roan Plateau, Rifle and the I-70 corridor.

“We will only ignite these prescribed fires if conditions are ideal for safe, effective burns, as well as for good smoke dispersal away from area communities,” said Chad Sewell, fuels specialist for the Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office.

Fire managers have developed a detailed prescribed fire plan and obtained smoke permits from the State of Colorado for each of the planned burns.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information, see <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health>.

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